

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

I am in favor of passing this bill. Teaching during COVID times was one of the hardest experiences of my career. We are still feeling both the emotional and physical drain from this environment. Teachers are burnt out by this and looking for help. Additionally, our young teachers are not treated well enough and this is causing a lack of interested educators. Teachers should be enticed to join the profession, not deterred.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

